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Soviet Minority is Target of East-West Contest

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Special to The New York Times | KIDV | U.S.S.R. | May | 24 An Historian emigre in the United States is identified as an employe of the Central In-telligence. Agency. Another Estonian is named in gossip deliberately spread as an agent of the Soviet State Security

agency.

A Ukrainian defector from the West is displayed here at a news conference to recite details of Westerra intelligence operations among emigre so-

cieties. From the Battic states to the Soviet republics in the Cau-casus, regional Communist leaders speak out about bour-geois infill action, into the So-viet Unio's through the devices

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The minority nationalities of the Soviet Union are a central battlefield in the intelligence war between Bastrand West; manipulation of nationality groups appears to be major weapon of both Committed and Western intelligence or ganifations.

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As a matter of politics, the fervor of emigre nationalists, which was strong during and snorths after World War II, seems to make their for intelligence purposes. To the mitalizance purposes, to; the planess; of apasis in the Bo-rist Inion and or Soviet apants in 166 West the minority in-tionalities apparently (retain heir useruhe

## National Identity Strong

Two conditions make possible fruitful exploitation by both sides. One is the strong national identity that non-Russian minority groups preserve in their home republics. The other is the presence of emigres abroad. The number of Ukrainians

The number of Ukrainlans overseas for example, was put at three million by a Ukrainlan writer. Yurik Smolich. Some are adherents of what he called 'progressive' emigré organizations, friendly to the Soviet Union, others join in activities of anti. Soviet nationalist groups, he said.

A series of incidents in the Ukraine has provided glimpses

Ukraine has provided glimpses of the undercover contest be-tween rival emigre societies backed by their presumed men-tors; the propagandists and in-telligence organizations in Mos-

A 37-year-old Ukrainian writer, Ivan Svetlichny, was ar-rested in Kiev this spring and, rested in Kiev this spring and, according to sources here, confession to assisting West Ukrainlan nationalist groups and arranging for the publication of anti-Soviet literature in European emigré journals. One of his literary colleagues said he had geen released with a warning against continuing his anti-Soviet activities.

## Dryuba Not Arrested

A more prominent writer. Ivan Dzyuba, was interrogated by the security police at the same time, according to this sounce, but was not arrested. The most specific disclosures of alleged Western intelligence activities among émigré groups came in an extraordinary news

came in an extraordinary news canie in an extraordinary news conference last month. A man named Stepan I. Dzhigalo was introduced as a Ukrainian who fought against the Soviet Union durling World War II and con-tinued to serve with an anti-Soviet nationalist organization in West Germany until he be-came distillusioned with its ties to Western intelligence agen-

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It is openly discussed in the West how unigre groups work to maintain contact with their confirmen under Soviet rele.

Lest April the C.I.A. publicly identified an Estonian Juri Rauge as an employe during a slander action brought against Mr. Raus by Eerik Heine, an Estonian emigré living in Canada; Mr. Heine charged that Mr. Raus had depicted him as a Soviet agent to Estonian émia Soviet agent to Estonian émigre groups.

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That Soviet authorities shun
such disclosures though the
maintaining of "cultural" ties
with "progressive" émigrés
abroad is acknowledged.
Contacts with Ukrainians

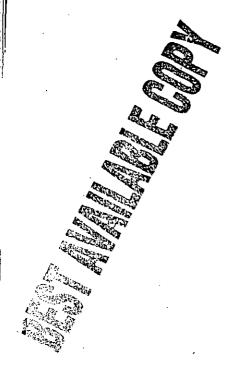
Contacts with Ukrainians overseas are made from a ground-floor office in a yellowbrick apartment building near the bluffs of the Dnieper River in Riev. This is the office of the Society for Cultural Relations with Ukrainians abroad,

Its executive secretary, Mikhail A. Levishchenko, spoke at length about the wish for nonpolitical cultural relations among all Ukrainians. On the specific activities of his society

He was vague.

He said he did not know the circulation of the organization's newsletter and declined to say how big the staff of the society

"We know nothing about any intelligence operations among Ukrainians," he said. There are other organizations that occapy themselves with such



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